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The Shepherd Ah Nei Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area will re-open this Friday, October 14. The area is open for riding from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The parking area is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Riders are encouraged to call the BLM's 24-hour information hotline to obtain current information on riding conditions, closures, or limitations in effect. That number is 896-5014.

The area north of Shepherd has been closed to OHV use since April 23, 2004, in order to comply with a civil case judgment. As part of the judgment, the BLM had to prepare a management plan for the area. The BLM issued a decision on its travel management plan in May 2005.

Billings Field Office Manager Sandy Brooks said she is glad that this popular area is again available for OHV activities. She added, "We want to thank all the volunteers who participated in our work day last Saturday. We completed several projects including painting, fencing, putting up signs, and implementing some permanent closures." Over 50 volunteers participated in the work day.

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